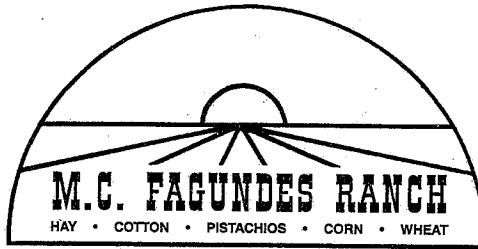


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12 March 2015 M.C. Land Company Letter and 24 March 2015 Email Response



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Central Valley Water Board
Attn: David Sholes
Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

RE: Directive to Obtain Irrigated Lands Regulatory Coverage

We received your certified letter of February 19, 2015 with regard to the above request. This correspondence serves as a request for an exemption to obtain the coverage with respect to waste water discharge from irrigated lands.

M. C. Land Company owns 160 acres of almonds in Delano with a portion of the ground being on a drip irrigation system and the balance of the ground utilizing a tail pit return system with any excess water being returned back to the trees leaving no waste water discharged from the orchard. In addition, there are no natural water resources in this area that would, in any way, be affected by our irrigation run off.

Please confirm that the water return system we have in place is compliant and that no further action is required. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Jason Fagundes
mcfranch@hughes.net

WB-RB5F-ilrpinfo

From: Barnes, Patrick A.@Waterboards on behalf of WB-RB5F-ilrpinfo
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 8:28 AM
To: 'mcfranch@hughes.net'
Cc: Sholes, David@Waterboards
Subject: Directive to Obtain Irrigated Lands Regulatory Coverage

Mr. Fagundes,

We received your response letter on 12 March 2015 regarding the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The General Order has no criteria for exemption from the program based on the usage of a water return system. The General Order adopted in September 2013 addresses potential discharges of agricultural waste to groundwater and surface water. Seepage from irrigated fields and tail water ponds can still allow water soluble compounds to leach below the root zone. Because potential to impact waters of the state is present, the parcels will require regulatory coverage either by joining a third-party group (coalition) under or by obtaining individual waste discharge requirements. Please let us know if you have any other questions.

Regards,

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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